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FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR NEA

E.O. 11652: XGDS
TAGS: TECH, MNUC, PARM, PFOR, PK, US, FR, PINT
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN NUCLEAR ISSUES

1. AS AGREED IN KALICKI/LANDE TELCON, NEA/PAB
SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN MEMORANDUM AND PRO-
POSED CABLE TO SECRETARY, REFLECTING VIEWS OF DEPUTY
SECRETARY AND MR. NYE. MR. CHRISTOPHER SUGGESTS
THAT FURTHER BUREAU CHANGES BE CLEARED WITH MR. HABIB
AS APPROPRIATE AND THAT PACKAGE BE EXPEDITED TO
SECRETARY.

2. FOLLOWING CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN CONCLUDING
SECTION OF MEMORANDUM:

"CONCLUSIONS", SECOND PARA, NEW SECOND SENTENCE TO
READ:

"THIS IN TURN RAISES POLICY PROBLEMS
RELATING TO ARMS CONTROL, RELATIONS
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WITH INDIA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR
BEING ABLE TO JUSTIFY WHATEVER OFFER
WE CARRY OUT WITH PAKISTAN ON ITS OWN
MERITS."

"CONCLUSIONS", THIRD PARA, NEW LAST SENTENCE; TO
READ:

"IN ANY EVENT, WE SHOULD PLAN TO CONSULT WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME ON THE SHAPE OF A PACKAGE WHICH WE WOULD JUDGE TO BE NEGOTIABLE WITH BHUTTO."

"CONCLUSIONS", FOURTH PARA:

DELETE PARA FOUR.

"CONCLUSIONS" -- "RECOMMENDATIONS", REVISE PARA 1: TO READ:

"1. YOU APPROVE THE ATTACHED MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WHICH AMBASSADOR BYROADE WOULD DELIVER SUGGESTING THAT TALKS BE INITIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT THE PAKISTANIS AGREE THAT NO FURTHER TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS NEED TAKE PLACE FROM FRANCE IN THE MEANTIME. WE ASK BHUTTO'S VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO PURSUE THIS DIALOGUE."

"CONCLUSIONS" -- "RECOMMENDATIONS", PARA 2, REVISE SECOND SENTENCE: TO READ:

"...(WITH RESPECT TO ARMS SALES AT THIS STAGE WE WOULD CONTINUE SELLING DEFEN-
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SIVE SYSTEMS UNDER EXISTING GUIDELINES
..."

3. FOLLOWING IS REVISED VERSION OF PROPOSED CABLE TO ISLAMABAD, INFO PARIS:

QUOTE: FOR AMBASSADOR

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1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY:

QUOTE: I SHOULD LIKE TO JOIN PRESIDENT CARTER IN
CONVEYING TO YOU OUR CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY
AT THE POLLS. THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MANDATE TO
LEAD PAKISTAN CONSTITUTES A NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THE WIDE
RANGE OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES ON WHICH
OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE COOPERATED IN THE PAST. END
QUOTE.

2. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THE
FOLLOWING REAFFIRMATION OF OUR INTEREST IN MOVING
AS FAST AS POSSIBLE TO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS:

--AS YOU KNOW, THIS ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED
TO DEVELOPING SAFE ALTERNATIVES TO THE SPREAD OF
SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY - ALTERNATIVES WHICH CAN
MEET THE ENERGY NEEDS OF ALL STATES WITHOUT CONTRI-
BUTING TO THE RISKS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

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--WE ARE CONVINCED THAT MULTILATERAL APPROACHES
TO NUCLEAR PROBLEMS WILL UNDERGO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES
OVER THE COMING YEARS AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH
PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES THAT PRE-EXISTING
ARRANGEMENTS BE COMPATIBLE WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

--YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE OF THE "SYMINGTON AMEND-
MENT" AND THE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC VIEWS WHICH LIE
BEHIND ITS ENACTMENT. WE WISH TO ENSURE THAT NO FURTHER

SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TRANSFERS TAKE PLACE WHICH COULD REQUIRE INVOCATION OF THE AMENDMENT, WITH RESULTING PRESS ATTENTION WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY DIMINISH OUR ABILITY TO REACH A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION OF THE REPROCESSING ISSUE.

--IN VIEW OF THESE FACTORS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT BILATERAL TALKS TAKE PLACE AT AN EARLY DATE. WE HOPE THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD ADDRESS THE BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE ARISEN AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW THIS DIALOGUE MIGHT BEST BE CONDUCTED. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD AGREE THAT NO FURTHER TRANSFERS OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY NEED TAKE PLACE.

--WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ANY CURRENT PROBLEMS CAN BE WORKED OUT THROUGH THE SAME FRIENDLY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE CONDUCT OF U.S. - PAKISTAN RELATIONS IN THE PAST. END QUOTE.

3. FYI - FRENCH RELUCTANCE TO FURTHER DELAY THE TRANSFER OF REMAINING BLUEPRINTS REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT THE NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT, IN THE ABSENCE OF POSITIVE MOVEMENT WITH THE GOP, UNDERLINES IMPORTANCE OF EARLY RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH PAKISTAN.

END FYI.

END QUOTE.

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4. FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF NYE CONVERSATION WITH YAQUB KAHN WHICH NEA IS REQUESTED TO CABLE TO ISLAMABAD, INFO PARIS.

QUOTE: MARCH 8. (1) IN MARCH 8 LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH JOSEPH NYE (DEPUTY TO UNDER SECRETARY), AMBASSADOR YAQUB KAHN EXPRESSED FOLLOWING VIEWS ON PERSONAL BASIS;

-- IN REVIEWING TALKS WITH GOP ON NUCLEAR ISSUES, US SHOULD AVOID TO EXTENT POSSIBLE PUBLIC EXPOSURE WHICH HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRG AND BRAZIL.

-- IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO PRESS FOR ABROGATION OF FRENCH/PAKISTAN NUCLEAR ACCORD NOR TO HUMILIATE GOP IN PURSUING ALTERNATIVES TO REPROCESSING PROJECT.

-- PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S ELECTORAL SUCCESS WILL GIVE GOP NECESSARY STABILITY TO SOLVE DIFFERENCES

BETWEEN US.

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-- WHILE BHUTTO'S STATEMENT TO "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" ABOUT HIS DESIRE TO HAVE A NUCLEAR OPTION WAS PROBABLY WELL CONSIDERED, AMBASSADOR CONTINUED TO BELIEVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED BY GOP AND CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED INSTEAD. FYI. YAQUB MADE NO RPT NO EFFORT TO PORTRAY REPRO-CESSING AS PEACEFUL PROJECT. END FYI.

(2) NYE INDICATED THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD CAREFULLY REVIEWED PREDECESSOR'S POSITIONS AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED TO DATE AND THAT WE FAVOR DISCREET AND TIMELY RESUMPTION OF TALKS ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. CURRENT ADMINISTRATION WOULD OF COURSE HAVE ITS OWN APPROACHES TO OUTSTANDING ISSUES. U.S. WOULD OF COURSE NOT HUMILIATE GOP, WOULD SEEK TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY REGARDING TALKS, AND WOULD WELCOME GOP SUGGESTIONS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED. IT REMAINS IMPORTANT NOT TO HAVE EITHER SIDE'S HAND FORCED BY SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TRANSFERS TRIGGERING SYMINGTON AMENDMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC FORCES.

(3) YAQUB UNDERTOOK TO SEEK HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTIONS ON NEXT STEPS, AGREEING THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BEGIN TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO

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AVOID IMPOSITION OF SYMINGTON AMENDMENT. END QUOTE.

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